

### Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2007. Claims 4-8 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 41 is amended to correct a typographical spelling error. Claims 53-55 are added, with support found in at least original claims 50, 22, and 30. Claims 1-3 and 9-55 are pending. Consideration and allowance are requested for the following reasons.

In the Office Action, restriction is required for each Group I-VI, below, under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

- I - **A lipid** is elected as a species of organic material as in claim 3.
- II - **Cells** are elected as a species of biological matter as in Claim 9.
- III - **A specimen surface by applying it on a solid surface as in Claim 11** is elected as a species of how a sample of biological matter is supplied.
- IV - **Silver** is elected as a metal surface as in Claim 22.
- V - **Lyophilisation** is elected as a species of what a specimen surface is subjected to before producing said at least on imprint as in claim 28.
- VI - **Applied onto said substrate surface when producing** is elected as a species of when a light sensitive matrix is applied onto said substrate surface as in Claim 46.

Claims 1-3 and 9-52 are generic to **Groups I, II, IV, and V**, such that they encompass the elected species. Claims 1-3, 9 and 11-52 are generic to **Group III**, such that they encompass the elected species. Claims 1-3, 9-46 and 48-52 are generic to **Group IV**, such that they encompass the elected species.

The above species restrictions are traversed at least to the extent that Applicants disagree with the Office's assertion that no claim is generic. Applicant's reserve the right to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim upon allowance of a generic claim, such as those identified above.

Favorable consideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding this application.

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